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Application No.: 10/736,325

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 12, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, and 34 are amended; claims 1, 14, and 27 are cancelled; claims 2-13, 15-26, and 28-39 are pending. All of the pending claims were indicated as allowable, or depend from claims indicated as allowable.

The Action objected to the Abstract for the use of "means." A new Abstract is submitted herewith that removes the "means" term. The Action objected to the incorporation by reference of the foreign published applications. The reference in the specification to these applications has been removed. The priority claim for this application is unchanged.

Various amendments to the Specification were made to correct typographical errors.

No new matter was added by way of any of these amendments.

Claim Objections and Rejections for Matters of Form

The claims are amended to correct antecedence and clarify terms. Claim 21 has not been amended because the amendment to claim 20, from which claim 21 depends, provides the antecedent for "housing."

Claims 2-5 and 6-13

Claims 6-13 were indicated as allowable if certain matters of form were addressed and they were rewritten to include limitations of their base claim. Claim

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6 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 7-13 depend therefrom. The Action rejected claims 2-5; the above Amendment amends claims 2-5 to depend from allowable claim 6. Thus, claims 2-13 are now believed to be allowable.

Claims 15-18 and 19-26

Claims 19-26 were indicated as allowable if certain matters of form were addressed and they were rewritten to include limitations of their base claim. Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 20-26 depend therefrom. The Action rejected claims 15-18; the above Amendment amends claims 15-18 to depend from allowable claim 19. Thus, claims 15-26 are now believed to be allowable.

Claims 28-31 and 32-39

Claims 32-39 were indicated as allowable if certain matters of form were addressed and they were rewritten to include limitations of their base claim. Claim 32 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 33-39 depend therefrom. The Action rejected claims 28-31; the above Amendment amends claims 28-31 to depend from allowable claim 32. Thus, claims 28-39 are now believed to be allowable.

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Conclusion

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration and allowance of the allowable claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone or in-person conference will further the prosecution of this case, the undersigned invites such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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